IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-91 and enter new claims 92-125.

1.-91. (Cancelled)

92. (New) A method comprising:

detecting, by a device, based on measurement results that a mobile device is at least in close vicinity to another mobile device;

causing, by a device, the establishment of a communication channel via a communication network between the mobile device and the other mobile device in response to the detection that the mobile device is at least in close vicinity to another mobile device;

monitoring, by a device, conditions on said established communication channel; and

updating, by a device, said communication channel in case said conditions are detected to be worse than predetermined conditions.

93. (New) The method according to claim 92, wherein detecting that the mobile device is at least in close vicinity to another mobile device comprises at least one of detecting a physical touch between the mobile device and the other mobile device and detecting a short distance between the mobile device and the other mobile device.

94. (New) The method according to claim 92, wherein the communication channel is set up according to one of predefined user preferences and a user input.

95. (New) The method according to claim 92, further comprising performing a security operation for determining at least one of whether the communication channel is allowed to be established between the mobile device and the other mobile device and whether the communication channel is allowed to be used for a specific data transmission.

96. (New) The method according to claim 92, further comprising notifying at least one application in the mobile device about the communication channel.

97. (New) The method according to claim 92, comprising invoking at least one application or at least one function of at least one application in the mobile device, in order to enable the at least one invoked application or at least one invoked function to interact via the communication channel with another application.

98. (New) The method according to claim 92, wherein establishing the communication channel is followed by a context dependent interaction via the communication channel with the other mobile device.

99. (New) The method according to claim 92, wherein at least one of a copy-and-paste functionality, a cut-and-paste functionality and a drag-and-drop functionality in the mobile device makes use of the established communication channel for interacting with the other mobile device.

100. (New) The method according to claim 92, further comprising an exchange of data via the established communication channel based on a user input to the mobile device.

101. (New) The method according to claim 92, wherein said established communication channel uses a direct link between said first electronic device and said at least one other of said electronic devices, and wherein updating said communication channel comprises replacing said direct link by an indirect link between said first electronic device and said at least one other of said electronic devices.

102. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a touch detection portion, the touch detection portion being configured to detect based on measurement results that a mobile device is at least in close vicinity to another mobile device; and

a link creation portion configured to cause the establishment of a communication channel via a communication network between the mobile device and the other mobile device in response to the detection that the mobile device is at least in close vicinity to another mobile device;

the link creation portion configured to monitor conditions on said established communication channel and to update said communication channel in case said conditions are detected to be worse than predetermined conditions.

103. (New) The apparatus according to claim 102, wherein the link creation portion is configured to set up the communication channel according to one of predefined user preferences and a user input.

104. (New) The apparatus according to claim 102, wherein the apparatus is configured to perform a security operation for determining at least one of whether the communication channel is allowed to be established between the mobile device and the other mobile device and whether the communication channel is allowed to be used for a specific data transmission.

105. (New) The apparatus according to claim 102, wherein the apparatus is configured to notify at least one application in the mobile device about the communication channel.

106. (New) The apparatus according to claim 102, wherein the apparatus is configured to invoke at least one application or at least one function of at least one application in the mobile device, in order to enable the at least one invoked application or at least one invoked function to interact via the communication channel with another application.

107. (New) The apparatus according to claim 102, wherein the apparatus is configured to enable a context dependent interaction with the other mobile device via the established communication channel.

108. (New) The apparatus according to claim 102, wherein the apparatus is configured to enable at least one of a copy-and-paste functionality, a cut-and-paste functionality and a drag-and-drop functionality to make use of the established communication channel for interacting with the other mobile device.

109. (New) The apparatus according to claim 102, further comprising a user interface to enable an exchange of data via the established communication channel based on a user input via the user interface.

110. (New) The apparatus according to claim 102, wherein the apparatus is a mobile device.

111. (New) The apparatus according to claim 102, wherein the apparatus is a mobile phone.

112. (New) The apparatus according to claim 102, wherein said established communication channel uses a direct link between said mobile device and said other mobile device, and wherein updating said communication channel comprises replacing said direct link by an indirect link between said mobile device and said other mobile device.

113. (New) A system comprising:

a touch detection portion, the touch detection portion being configured to detect based on measurement results that a mobile device is at least in close vicinity to another mobile device;

a link creation portion configured to cause the establishment of a communication channel via a communication network between the mobile

device and the other mobile device in response to the detection that the mobile device is at least in close vicinity to another mobile device; and

the link creation portion configured to monitor conditions on said established communication channel and to update said communication channel in case said conditions are detected to be worse than predetermined conditions.

114. (New) The system according to claim 113, wherein the link creation portion is configured to set up the communication channel according to one of predefined user preferences and a user input.

115. (New) The system according to claim 113, further comprising a security portion configured to perform a security operation for determining at least one of whether the communication channel is allowed to be established between the mobile device and the other mobile device and whether the communication channel is allowed to be used for a specific data transmission.

116. (New) The system according to claim 113 comprising at least one of the mobile device and the other mobile device.

117. (New) The system according to claim 113 comprising the mobile device, wherein the mobile device is configured to notify at least one application in the mobile device about the communication channel.

118. (New) The system according to claim 113 comprising the mobile device, wherein the mobile device is configured to invoke at least one application or at least one function of at least one application in the mobile device, in order to enable the at least one invoked application or at least one invoked function to interact via the communication channel with another application.

119. (New) The system according to claim 113 comprising the mobile device, wherein the mobile device is configured to enable a context dependent

interaction with the other mobile device via the established communication channel.

120. (New) The system according to claim 113 comprising the mobile device, wherein the mobile device is configured to enable at least one of a copy-and-paste functionality, a cut-and-paste functionality and a drag-and-drop functionality to make use of the established communication channel for interacting with the other mobile device.

121. (New) The system according to claim 113 comprising the mobile device, the mobile device further comprising a user interface to enable an exchange of data via the established communication channel based on a user input via the user interface.

122. (New) The system according to claim 113 comprising the mobile device, wherein the mobile device is a mobile phone.

123. (New) The system according to claim 113, wherein said established communication channel uses a direct link between said first electronic device and said at least one other of said electronic devices, and wherein updating said communication channel comprises replacing said direct link by an indirect link between said first electronic device and said at least one other of said electronic devices.

124. (New) A software program product in which a software code is stored, the software code, when executed, causing an electronic device to perform the following:

detecting based on measurement results that a mobile device is at least in close vicinity to another mobile device;

causing the establishment of a communication channel via a communication network between the mobile device and the other mobile

device in response to the detection that the mobile device is at least in close vicinity to another mobile device;

monitoring conditions on said established communication channel; and

updating said communication channel in case said conditions are detected to be worse than predetermined conditions.

125. (New) The software program product according to claim 124, wherein said established communication channel uses a direct link between said first electronic device and said at least one other of said electronic devices, and wherein updating said communication channel comprises replacing said direct link by an indirect link between said first electronic device and said at least one other of said electronic devices.